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Minutes of the Allamakee County Conservation Board

The Allamakee County Conservation Board met in regular session at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday September 7, 2021 in the Board Office located at 1944 Columbus Rd. Lansing, Iowa. Board members present were as follows: Jeanie Carroll, Marilyn Clark, Jesse Delaney, and Dennis Koenig. Mark Reiser from the Allamakee County Board of Supervisors attending . Also attending were Conservation Board staff members Erin Cubbon, Ross Geerdes. James Janett and Jarrod Olson.

The meeting was called to order at 1:00 P.M. and the agenda and minutes from the previous meeting were approved upon a motion by Koenig, second Carroll, all in favor, motion carried.

Claims, revenues, and fiscal year budget summaries were reviewed and approved upon a motion by Clark, second Koenig, all in favor, motion carried.

Erin Hines presented information to the Board regarding a food vending stand she had been operating at Village Creek Boat Landing. Himes had obtained a temporary food license from the State of Iowa, there were no permits issued for a food vendor at Village Creek Boat Landing from the Iowa DNR or Allamakee County. The Director discussed the Iowa Code Section prohibiting commercial activities and vendors on public recreation areas. Also discussed was the permit and insurance coverage that would have to be in place should the Board decide to pursue a vendor at Village Creek Boat Landing or any other County area. The Board has not allowed commercial activities at any of their areas in the past. A letter from the County Attorney was read by the Board regarding the Iowa Code and commercial concessions on public land waters without a permit was not allowed. Other concerns presented by staff included permit and insurance monitoring, possible usage requests at other areas, possible loss of future Federal and State funding for maintenance and development, and conflicting usage of the boat landing. The Board informed Hines they were following the recommendation of the County Attorney and Staff in not allowing commercial vending at County Areas.

Informational items discussed by the Board include a memorial bench request to be placed at Ray's Landing on the Upper Iowa River, County insurance requirements for vendors, Village Creek Dredging schedule, recent display donations and costs, a power outage that temporarily left two people in the elevator, and Smithfield Road Canoe Access development on the Yellow River. The Board discussed the possibility of hosting a field day during the November Board meeting.

The next board meeting will be at 1:00 P.M. Tuesday October 5, 2021.

There being no additional business a motion was made by Koenig to adjourn the meeting, second Clark, all in favor, motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 P.M.